

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

DRAFT MINUTES

Hayling Island Sailing Club
Saturday 6th July 2019

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Jo Harris, Will Willett, David Ibbotson, Bear Sturrock, Petrina Blomeley, Ian Jameson. RYA representative and boat builder representative were in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM, Hayling Island Sailing Club 28th July 2018.

Copies of the previous meeting minutes had been published on the website and were available for the members present to examine. The Chair asked whether there were any questions regarding these minutes; none were received, the Chair then asked for the minutes to be approved. Motion to accept the Minutes: Proposer – Mark James, Seconded – Nia McCullum. Vote to approve the Minutes as a true record: Carried unanimously by a show of hands from Members present.

3. Presentation of the Treasurers 2018 Annual Financial Statement –

Peter Gordon presented the Treasurers Financial Report for 2018.

Copies of the Treasurers Financial Report, Profit Statement, Balance Sheet, Event Analysis and Training Analysis were also made available for members present to examine.

Peter Gordon hi-lighted we made a small loss as was budgeted for and explained our budgeted loss for this year will be a bit more, probably a loss of £3,000 as we put more and more resources into support at overseas events. This is something that has increased substantially in the three years that I have been in post which might answer the question that's always asked "what are we doing with all that money in the bank". Even Glastonbury has £10 million in the bank "just in case" so I don't think that we should be unhappy with having reserves, but yes, it is something that the new committee will be looking into. There is a hope that having the Worlds here next year might create a bit of surplus for the class as it will inevitably lead to a larger entry for our Nationals. When we held the Worlds in 2015 the Nationals had 127 entrants.

Peter Thanked the RYA for their continued financial support of the class. On behalf of the committee, 29er sailors and parents the Chair thanked Peter for all his hard work and advised that Simon Mueller will be taking over as Treasurer.

There were no questions on the report.

4. Chairman's Report

On behalf of the committee, 29er sailors and parents the Chair expressed thanks to Sue Ormerod for all of her hard work and contribution over the last two years.

Chris Evans presented his report hi-lighting that having only been in the role of Chair for just over a month the class membership stands at 177 vs 167 like for like July 2019 vs 2018,

which is a 6% increase. We need to remain focussed on encouraging transitioning sailors into the class and Sally Bristow has been working on this at transition events with each of the junior classes. We are averaging about 40 boats per event and had a great turnout for the Youth Nationals with 61 boats taking part. Congratulations to Freya Black and Millie Aldridge, and Ewan Wilson and Fin Armstrong who will represent the class at the Youth World Championships in Gdynia later this month.

Training

Niall Myant ran a great winter training programme for the class. This was a well-structured and high-level programme across all of the squads, however we found at entry level that we didn't always have the right coaching ratio's which meant that we ran the programme at a loss last winter. This year there will be some additional support from the RYA and a small increase in the fees.

Niall will continue to run the programme next winter with the new training officer Will Willett - they have already been working hard on this. The Class National Squad will continue to cater to those sailors who narrowly missed out on a place in the RYA Youth Squad. Sailors can apply for all squads from mid-August onwards.

Website

The Committee has agreed to spend some money updating the class website which we will see change in the autumn, in order to make it more user-friendly. We will continue to use the club admin portal to enter events.

Rib

The class rib is now owned by the class rather than the Eric Twiname Trust. Chris requested that if you can assist the class in being its custodian or if you can help transport it from Hayling to Pwllheli for the National Championships then please let the class know asap.

This year's Nationals are being run by David Ibbotson and he needs volunteers to help ensure everything runs smoothly in Pwllheli, volunteer roles are available to sign up on the website.

On the International scene, we have seen sailors going to Garda, Barcelona, the Dutch Youth nationals and more recently Kiel as part of the Eurocup series, which was won last year by Ewan and Finn. This summer we will be represented by 18 boats at the World Championships in Gdynia and 44 boats at the Europeans in Arco where Freya and Millie will defend their Female European title, which they won in Helsinki last year.

With regard to the running of our class, I want to remind everyone that we only function because of volunteers. Some of these roles are visible, such as those on the committee, and the sailor representatives, but there are also many who work behind the scenes to support the class on and off the water at events - there are too many to mention individually. This year, in addition to Sue, we have a number of other committee members standing down who I would like to thank for their contribution to the class - Michael Black our outgoing Safety officer, Petrina Blomeley who has been the Welsh representative (Petrina has also ensured we have trophies at all of our events), and finally thanks go to Peter Gordon (who is

standing down as treasurer) for keeping the class finances in check over the last 2 years. Peter however is still going to support the class as Chair of the world's organising committee for next year - more of which is to come later.

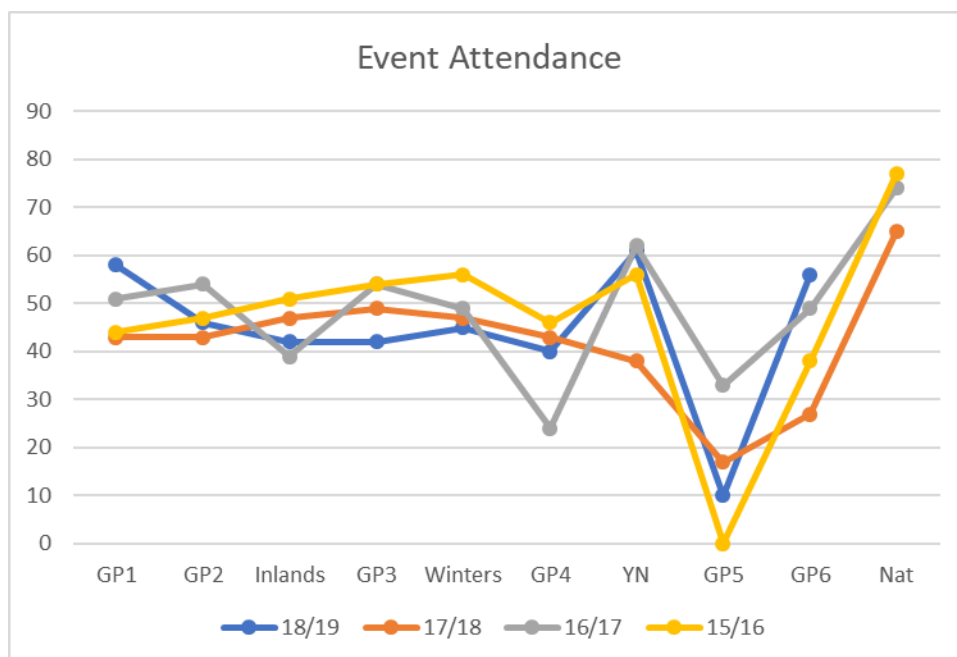
There were no questions on the report.

5. Sailing Report

Mark James presented his summary Below

Slide 1

One of the best ways to determine the health of a class is to look at event attendance. On that basis, we're feeling pretty positive about the direction that the class is heading. Excluding the nationals, we are up 14% on last year with a total number of entries of 400. High point of the year were the first event of the year at Weymouth with 58 entries, and exceptional Youth Nationals with 68 boats and this weekend's GP with 56 boats. Based on the feedback that we have had, it's clear that the winter training programme has been a key part of that success.



That said, this year is the blue line in the chart and you can see that we had fewer people than expected at the three events in the winter at Rutland, Grafham and Draycote. Snowstorms aside, it looks like we have been slower than usual to get our new sailors to attend GPs so if you have any ideas on how we can do better next year, do let us know. The other noticeable thing from this chart is that the Whitsun GP doesn't really work so we will change that in 2020

Slide 2

Turning to the coming year. We had an extensive review of our venues looking at the suitability of sailing areas, travel distance for the majority of the membership and past experience with the clubs. This concluded that we should have a set of "core" venues of

WPNSA, HISC, DTYC, Grafham, Draycote, Rutland and Pwllheli rotating in other venues as required.

Next year's programme is built on that basis. With the Worlds at WPNSA next year, we will go there 3 times to give our sailors the best opportunity to master the venue. We will go to Largs again but on a more suitable date outside the exam period. We want to support the building Scottish fleet and we're also conscious that it is an attractive venue for the Irish. On the Whitsun Bank Holiday, for those who want to escape exams, there will be a sprint event at Yorkshire Dales or the HISC Regatta to choose from.

Event	Date
GP1 WPNSA (Selector)	7/8 th September 2019
GP2 Torbay	28/29 th September 2019
Northern Champs – Yorkshire Dales	2/3 rd November 2019
Ovington Champs WPNSA	9/10 th November 2019
GP3 Rutland & Inlands (+ Christmas Party)	30 th November / 1 st December 2019
Winter Championships Grafham	25 th /26 th January 2020
GP4 Sea Venue WPNSA	28th/29th March 2020
RYA Youth Championships, Pwllheli	3-10 April 2020
North Sprint Event Yorkshire Dales	23rd/24th May 2020
HISC Regatta	23 rd / 24 th May 2020
GP5 HISC	20/21 June 2020
GP6 Largs	4 / 5 th July 2020
European Championships, Medemblik	25 July to 1 August 2020
UK 29er National Championships, WPNSA	8th -14th August 2020
World Championships, WPNSA	16 th -21 st August

To sum up, numbers are looking good and as Chris mentioned earlier with Freya and Mille winning the Europeans and Finn and Ewan winning the Eurocup series, performance isn't too shabby either! Good luck to every one going to Gydna, Pwhelli and Garda this summer.

6. Training Officer's Report

Chair included this as part of the Chairman's Report

7. Election of Officers of the Association, Committee Members and Regional Sailor Representatives for 2019/2020

Chris Evans presented the Committee nominations for 2019/20. He suggested that unless there were any objections, and as no positions were being contested by more than one nomination, that the Election could be taken in one block vote. The Motion to elect the proposed committee nominations as follows:

Role	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Chris Evans	Nia McCullum	Jo Harris
Vice Chair	Vacant		
Treasurer	Simon Mueller	Chris Evans	Peter Gordon
Sailing Secretary	Mark James	Nia McCullum	Sally Bristow
Training Officer	Will Willett	Chris Evans	Mark James

Safety Officer	Matt Stein	Michael Black	Simon Percival
General Secretary	Vacant		
Marketing Officer	Nia McCullum	Jo Harris	Sally Bristow
Welfare Officer	Jo Harris	Sally Bristow	Nia McCullum
Transition Representative	Sally Bristow	Mark James	Chris Evans

Election of four additional committee members

Role	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Welsh Representative	Carol Llewellyn-Jones	Mark James	Nia McCullum
Scottish Representative	Bear Sturrock	Nia McCullum	Jo Harris
Rolling Ranking	Vacant		
Events	David Ibbotson	Peter Gordon	Bear Sturrock

Class Measurer

To be Co-opted by the Committee

Class Measurer	Ian Jameson	Peter Gordon	Chris Evans
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Four sailor representatives' positions remain which the sailors will hold an open forum at the Nationals and try to fill with regional representation.

Current Sailor Representatives

Name	Proposed	Seconded
Emma James		
Jess Jobson		
Will Adler		
Finn Armstrong		

Following a vote to elect the proposed committee by the raising of hands, which was carried unanimously the committee for 2019/20 were elected as above.

8. Amendment to Constitution

Chris Evans proposed the following amendments to the class constitution, seconded by Peter Gordon and approved by the members.

5.8 The Class will always comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

5.9 The Class adopts the RYA equality policy.

5.10 The Class will operate its affairs, including running events, in a sustainable manner and will adopt green/blue event best practice.

9. 2020 Membership Fees

Peter Gordon proposed a small increase in the subscriptions for 2020 which was seconded by Simon Percival and approved by the members.

Ordinary Membership from £40 to £41.50
Family Membership from £56 to £58
Student Membership from £27 to £28

10. 2020 Worlds Update

Peter Gordon gave a brief update that plans were going fine and the UK class hoped to sign the contract shortly.

11. Any Other Business

Roy McCubbin gave a brief update from the RYA and said he will be leaving at the end of August. Chris Evans thanked him and the RYA for their support over the last year.

Chris Turner from Ovington gave some input to the class on 2 proposed rule changes which have been proposed for the International Class AGM which are hull repairs and prohibited materials and the introduction of Class international flags on sails.

There were no further questions or discussion items.

Chris Evans thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 7.45pm